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EXAMINATIONS AT THE NORMAL

200 Teachers Taking the Exams.—Other Notes of Interest From The Greatest Summer Normal That Has Ever Been Held in Durant.

(By Prof. A. Linscheid)

Over two hundred teachers are taking the examination for county teachers this week. The examinations are conducted under the auspices of the Normal School, by the various County Superintendents of the Southeastern Normal School District. Owing to the fact that every room at the Normal School is occupied every period of the day with class work, the examinations are being held in the Durant High School building and in the Central Ward building.

The following County Superintendents are in the city this week: Felts, of Love County; Thurston, of Carter; Reed, of Choctaw; Payne, of Pushmataha; McCleary, of Atoka; Fox, of Marshall; Fair, of Latimer; Norris, of LeFlore; and Neely, of Bryan. The Normal School is always pleased to see these gentlemen. Their presence is helpful and inspiring, not only to the teachers and their respective counties, but to the members of the regular Normal Faculty as well. Many of these men have expressed themselves as being highly gratified by the work which the Normal School is doing, and all of them are in hearty sympathy with its administration, its aims, and its ideals. Co-operation is the key-word which unlocks the door of success, so far as the State schools are concerned, and if these men continue to co-operate with the Normal School, that institution will continue to grow in attendance, in influence, and in usefulness.

Superintendent C. W. Richards, of Ardmore, is delivering a series of lectures during the assembly period this week. These lectures are characterized by the soundness of their pedagogy and their inspirational character. Superintendent Richards is a practical man who knows every phase of school work, therefore he speaks from the fullness of experience. There are many of the teachers who appreciate his lectures so highly that they state that they would rather hear him than the men of national reputation who preceded him. Superintendent Richards has made a hit with the majority of the student teachers at the Normal School.

It is very gratifying to note that the great majority of the teachers will be here during the ten weeks' session. While it is true that a large number of them are taking the certificate examination, there are very many of those who are taking the examination now, but are going to continue. This is as it should be: Those who stay for the entire session are certain to reap more benefit from their coming to Durant than those who stay only four weeks. It is true that even the certificate work is valuable; it is so valuable that the State of Oklahoma cannot yet afford to dispense with it, and those teachers who have come here for the purpose of doing certificate work are just as welcome as the people who come to do any other kind of work requiring an equal amount of time and energy.

Latimer County won the honor of having the greatest proportion of her teachers present, and is therefore to be banqueted by the Normal School. This banquet is one of the most elaborate in which the Normal School has ever been a participant. Some of the foremost educators in this State are on the program, the menu is sufficient to tickle the palate of the epicure, and every indication points to the success of that banquet from every point of view.

New students continue to enroll, although the term is nearly half over. Those who enroll at this time were prevented from coming sooner because their schools were still in session. Students may enroll even now to do credit work, and by centering their activities on one or two branches they may still make their credit before the summer school closes.

There are men and women of national reputation who will address the students during the next month. Among these are: J. A. Puffer, one of the foremost students of the boy problem in the United States; Mrs. Cora Wilson Stewart, of Kentucky, who achieved so much fame in organizing the rural schools of her na-

LEMBURG FALLS BEFORE GERMANS

Hordes Give Up Galicia and German-Austrian Forces Greatest Victory of the War.

Probably the greatest single victory to be won since the European war started, nearly a year ago, was won Wednesday by the Austro-German forces, when the strongly fortified city of Lemburg, capital of Galicia, which the Russians have held since last September, fell before the terrible onslaught of the invaders, and when the Russians evacuated the city to points sixty miles to the northeast, but taking their guns with them, so that the spoils of the victors of the battle will be small. Official reports from the Russian capital admit the defeat. As a result of the battle, in which probably five million men took part. Archduke Frederick of the Austrian army, and General von Mackensen of the German army, have both been made field marshals. On the River Dniester, south of Lemburg, the battle rages.

The result of the battle is that the Russian army operating south of Lemburg is effectively cut off from the northern army and from its base of supplies. If the stroke is as effective as the Germans believe it is, it means practically the elimination of the Russian hordes as a factor in the war hereafter, and will mean, therefore, that great masses of Germans will be turned to the west, and against the French and English, to assist the western German army, which is sorely harassed by the allies in that field of operations.

The Germans did not surpass the Russians in the number of men, but the Russians lacked adequate supplies of ammunition, while the invaders were well supplied.

FRANK WILL NOT HANG

Famous Georgia Murder Case Ends When Gov. Slaton Commutes the Death Sentence—Military Protection for Governor Necessary.

The Leo M. Frank murder case of Georgia, which has attracted more attention over the world than any other criminal case in many years, came to a dramatic close Monday when Governor Slaton of Georgia commuted Frank's death sentence to one of life imprisonment, after the courts of last resort had decided that Frank should die.

Following the action of the governor the populace seemed to go mad, and riots were pulled off at Marietta, former home of Mary Phagan, whom Frank was convicted of killing, and where the effigy of Governor Slaton was hanged and burned.

Angry mobs gathered around the Governor's home near Atlanta and threatened violence, and the twenty policemen who guarded the place were insufficient to insure protection to the Governor's home and person, and he proclaimed martial law and called out the militia, which finally succeeded in quelling the riots without a shot, but not until several of the men had been hurt by missiles thrown from the mob. Feeling in the state is very intense and it all seems to be against the Governor for his act.

NEAR JAIL DELIVERY

There was a near jail delivery at Bryan County's prison last Saturday morning, and had not the officers been vigilant all those who wanted to do so would have made their escape. The fellow, Ben Bunker, who was placed in jail to await trial after he had given D. Morgan a bum check, and other people bum checks, was caught in the act of sawing the bars in the north window of the main cell room. Jailor Wynne had been called to the court house on an errand and had left his boy to watch. The inmates evidently believed that the jail was unwatched, for the sawing commenced while the boy watched, and officers soon took Ben's saw and another one that was hidden in the jail.

As a result of the business a warrant was issued for Terrell Edwards of Bokchito, who was believed to have slipped the saws inside when he called to visit Claude Beaird.

State for greater efficiency. Many other famous men and women are to be here during the month of July.

DANFORD GETS STATE JOB

Governor Williams this week appointed Mr. W. P. Danford, of this city, as Assistant State Engineer, with duties in the State Highway Department, and Mr. Danford received official notice of his appointment on Wednesday from Hon. A. N. Leecraft, secretary to the Governor. The job pays \$1500 a year, and commences July 1st, at which time Mr. Danford and his family will move to the capital city. Mr. Danford was City Engineer here for several years, but was not reemployed this year. He ranks well toward the top among the younger civil engineers of the State, and his qualifications alone were what landed him the position, as he was not an applicant for this particular position.

TEMPORARY LICENSE

The State Supreme Court has granted a temporary license to D. P. McCallb, of Durant, to practice law until the time when the State Bar Association holds another session for examination of applicants for admission.

OATS BRING 50¢ A BUSHEL

Some 1915 oats have been marketed here this week, and those sold on Wednesday brought fifty cents a bushel, considerably more than the first oats brought last year. It is confidently expected that oats will bring seventy-five cents a bushel here this fall, owing to the great export demand for them.

KILLING MANY DOGS

According to Poundkeeper Coffey the people of Durant are not paying up dog tax. Up to the present time only eighteen licenses have been issued by City Clerk Head. It is estimated that there are over 400 dogs in the city of Durant, and from this it will be seen that only a very small percent of the owners of the canines are coming across with the necessary dinero for the licenses which permit their pets to live in security. Mr. Coffey, it is said, is going ahead and following the instructions of the Mayor and City Council. Last month he only killed twenty-five. Already this month the mortuary list has reached thirty, and it is thought by the last of the month the casualty list will be in the neighborhood of fifty.

ALLIGATOR IN BLUE RIVER??

A man, whose name it was impossible to learn, and who was not known to anyone in the drug store where he made the statement, asserted one day this week that he had seen with his own eyes, in Blue River, a little way up stream from the pumping station, an alligator that must have been twelve feet in length, and that he knew it was an alligator, for he saw it in the act of crawling into the water from the bank where it had been taking a sun bath. There within hearing scoffed at the idea, but the stranger stoutly maintained that he was telling the plain truth. No one else has reported having seen the creature.

GRANDFATHER LAW ANNULLED

U. S. Supreme Court Holds Oklahoma Constitutional Amendment to be in Conflict With the Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

In probably one of the most important race decisions in its history, the United States Supreme Court Monday annulled as unconstitutional the Oklahoma constitutional amendment restricting the suffrage rights of those who could not vote or whose ancestors could not vote prior to the ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment to the Federal Constitution.

Chief Justice White, a Southerner, and an old Confederate soldier, announced the court's decision, which was unanimous, except that Justice McReynolds took no part in the case.

By holding that conditions that existed before the Fifteenth Amendment, which provides that the right to vote shall not be denied or abridged on account of "race, color or previous condition of servitude," could not be brought over to the present day in disregard of this self-executing amendment, it is generally believed that the court went a long way toward invalidating much of the so-called "grandfather clause" legislation of Southern states.

Immediate Effects of Decision

The immediate effect of the court's decision was to uphold the conviction of two Oklahoma election officials who denied negroes the right to vote in a congressional election and to award three Maryland negroes damages from election officials in Annapolis who refused to register them. The court held that these election officials could not ignore the potency of the Fifteenth Amendment in wiping out of state constitutions the word "white" as a qualification for voting. In the Maryland case the court's decision established the point that the Fifteenth Amendment applies alike to municipal as well as to Federal elections.

Discussing the Oklahoma case, Chief Justice White said the Oklahoma amendment to the State Constitution first fixed a literacy standard and then followed it with a provision creating a standard based on the conditions existing on Jan. 1, 1865, prior to the adoption of the Fifteenth Amendment, and eliminated those coming under that standard from the inclusion to the literacy test.

Perpetuates Former Conditions

The court had difficulty, he said, in finding words to more clearly demonstrate its convictions that this action of the State re-created and perpetuated the very conditions which the Fifteenth Amendment was intended to destroy than the language used in that amendment.

"It is true," continued the Chief Justice, "that it contains no express words of an exclusion from the standard which it establishes of any person on account of 'race, color or previous condition of servitude' prohibited by the Fifteenth Amendment, but the standard itself inherently brings that result into existence, since it is based purely upon a period of time before the enactment of the Fifteenth Amendment and makes that period the controlling and dominating test of the right of suffrage."

"In other words, we seek in vain for any grounds which would sustain any other interpretation, but that the provision, recurring to the conditions existing before the Fifteenth Amendment was adopted and the continuance of which the Fifteenth Amendment prohibited, proposed by, in substance and in effect, lifting those conditions over a period of time after the amendment to make them the basis of the right to suffrage conferred in direct and positive disregard of the Fifteenth Amendment. And the same result, we are of opinion, is demonstrated by considering whether it is possible to discover any basis of reason for the standard thus fixed other than the purpose above stated."

Directed at Fifteenth Amendment

"We say this because we are unable to discover how, unless the prohibitions of the Fifteenth Amendment were considered, the slightest reason was afforded for basing the classification upon a period of time prior to the Fifteenth Amendment. Certainly it cannot be said that there was any peculiar necromancy in the time named which engendered attributes affecting the qualification to

NO ALARM OVER COURT DECISION

Governor Will Not Call Special Session of the Legislature to Eliminate Negro Vote—Has Asked for a Copy of Court's Decision.

Oklahoma City, June 24.—Governor Williams has telegraphed to Washington for a copy of the opinion of the Supreme Court in the "grandfather clause" decision. He is interested as the head of the Democratic party in this State to know just what the court has decided and how far the opinion goes into the merits of the law. He said that he is not worried over the possible effects of the decision and he will not call any session of the Legislature to enact some sort of law to overcome at least in part the effect of the opinion in enfranchising the negroes.

"There is no hurry about anything of this sort," said the Governor. "Oklahoma is Democratic in any event, and it will be possible for the Legislature at some future time to enact literacy tests or poll tax provisions, such as Texas has, to eliminate the unfit from the privileges of the elective franchise. I am interested to read the decision of the Supreme Court, however, for it seems to set a new mark for legislation to reach after."

While there is absolutely no chance for a special session of the Oklahoma Legislature solely to consider the grandfather law, it is likely that if the lawmakers should be assembled to handle some economic question the election law might be opened up for them as an incident of their session.

The only probable chance for an extra session so far as it has developed up to this time would be an adverse decision of the Supreme Court in the gross production tax case that has been set for submission on July 16. Governor Williams some time ago asserted that if the Supreme Court should rule adversely to the State in this case he will convene the Legislature to enact another revenue law to fit the specifications that are expected to be found in the decision of the court.

In case such a special session should be called it would doubtless assemble next winter, and it is altogether probable that if it should assemble the Governor would submit to the lawmakers the matter of changing the State election laws to guard against participation in elections of persons who are for any good reasons likely to be undesirable electors.

THE NEWS STARTS NEW SERIAL THIS ISSUE

The Broken Coin, Featuring Grace Cunard, A Mystery Story That Is Interesting Thousands of Readers.

The Weekly News' new serial story, "The Broken Coin," by the famous Emerson Hough, starts this week and the opening chapter will be found on page six of this issue.

When the News was persuaded several months ago to publish its first serial story, the editor was a bit doubtful as to whether the readers wanted fiction in their newspaper, which they buy expressly for local news. After having printed the "Master Key" and "The Black Box," both rattling good stories, and watching the impression they have made, it has been decided to give the readers of the paper the best story yet, which starts this week as aforesaid. The story will be printed one installment each week for fifteen weeks.

When it comes to writing stories that are full of human interest, and deeply shrouded in mystery and thrilling situations, this writer, Emerson Hough, has the world beaten, without a doubt; and his stories are in great demand by many of the world's most influential publishers.

Start the story this week, and follow it every week, and the editor will assure you your biggest money's worth of wholesome, restful reading.

ARRESTED NIGGER AT ARDMORE

Deputy Sheriff McFatridge returned Wednesday night from a place fifteen miles west of Ardmore, where he had arrested a nigger by the name of Tom Burnett, who lives south of Colbert. It is charged that Burnett ran away, taking his wife's sister with him, and with whom he had been living in adultery. McFatridge went back Thursday after the nigger woman.

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